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Dear George,

Enclosed is a copy of a letter to a New York radio reporter friend. I've known him since he was little more than a boy and he then had been honored for his enterprise in reporting. While writing him I woundered if the Post had thought of some of what I raise. On the chance it may be of any interest I send it to you.

Along with a story about what I have always thought and spoken and written of as the Cuba, not Cuban, missile crisis.

In the midst of it I had reached my own analysis that turned out to be substantially correct. This is established by several international conferences of USSR and US participants that have been published.

I discussed my analysis with the Post's then foreign editor. I think his name was something like Thornburg or Thornberry.

He told me that the conclusion I had reached had been considerated by the Post and had been abandonned. This means that the Post had reached and not reported the proper solution when any error could have triggered World War III.

I hate to think of what could have ensued if Kennedy and Khruschev had not worked it out, which really means that Kennedy accepted Khruschev's proposed solution.

I'd hate also to have the responisbilities editors on papers like the Post and Times now face.

I have not yet read and corrected my letter to my old friend and with the day dawning I won't until after I get and read the Post. I may after a little time not be as insensitive to my many typos. I think I may have given the wrong impression in a part of it. I do not intend to indicate the belief that only plastic explosives could have been used and I did intend what I fefer to as the catalogues of them not to be so limited. There are always variations in composition between manufacturers are within manufacture, between batches. The slightest variations are usually detectable by the tests I mention and I'm certain have been made, were made almost immediately with what samples were then available.

Best,

Harold

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